

Equipping/Resourcing

LIFE ON LIFE FORMATION

Helen White, official worker at Hamlet Union Church, was asked to provide a short synopsis of the Life on Life Formation ministry lead by Richard Bush. The following is a short testimony of her experience and endorsement of this ministry.



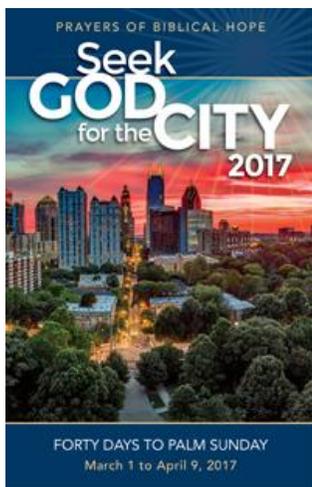
It is so easy as leaders in ministry to keep on the track we have always known. What a gift for myself (Helen White and my husband Doug) to be a part of a group of individuals committed to walking a spiritual journey together for two years (so far). It includes friendships, retreats, personal reflection, reading and so much more to draw our souls to the heart of God. This journey is led by Richard Bush, a former pastor and DS in the C&MA. See his full bio and more Life on Life detail on the web site:

<http://www.lifeonlifeformation.org/>.

My journey in the Life on Life Formation challenges my heart to deeper reflection and passion for the heart of God. I see how a journey, over a period of time, is essential to taking these spiritual disciplines and reflections to a new and deeper level. I have asked myself, "Where am I? Today, Lord, I long to be authentic, growing in your love and in my love for those around me. How are the events of my journey, both my past story and today, drawing me to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit?" I have learned to hear some powerful and deep longings of my soul; deep desires like being understood, rest, longings for sweet times of being with family and loving them deeply, and trust. Oh, I know we have all spoken of desires like this at some level, but they are deeper and authentic with a newness to their expression. I am so thankful for this opportunity in my life.

Consider joining a cohort. Whether you are single or a couple, new in ministry or having served for decades, a lay individual or an official worker in your church, the setting invites you right where you are to join and journey together.

*If you are curious, read some of the additional reflections shared by members of a cohort. I believe you will find your soul stirred by the truths we are walking through in the Life on Life Formation journey. Here are a few chosen expressions of what God is drawing out of the souls of some on the journey together: <http://www.lifeonlifeformation.org/storying.html> (links on the bottom left). Perhaps start with **Grand Silence**.*



LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Prayers of Biblical Hope is a great prayer resource intended to be used by church congregations beginning March 1-April 9 (Palm Sunday). Entitled "Seek God for the City 2017," this 40-day prayer guide is designed to equip church families to pray together. To preview a sample, go to www.waymakers.org.

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